



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1648**

**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 02356.0011-06000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Marc ALIZON et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1648
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Application No. 09/041,975	)	Examiner: Jeffrey S. Parkin
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Filing Date: March 13, 1998	)	Confirmation No: 4167
	)	
For: VARIANT OF LAV VIRUSES	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 21, 2005, the period for response having been extended to March 21, 2006 by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper, beginning on page 2

**Remarks** begin on page 9.

**Attachments** to the amendment include *Ratner et al.*, HTLV-III, LAV, ARV are variants of the same AIDS virus, Nature 313:636-637 (1985).